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*See Col. Ledyford's comments second page!*

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24 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Group "D" OXCART Pilot Processing

1. On 17 January 1964 the following individuals met in General Don Flickinger's office for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming selection of additional OXCART pilots:

General Don Flickinger, Consultant

TSD Psychologist

Medical Staff Psychologist

Medical Staff Psychologist

Lt. Col. Newburn, AFIGO-S Representative

Major Blood, Hq. USAF Representative

OSA Security Staff

OSA Support Division

2. I indicated to the Group that OSA Operations had selected 14 AF officers for consideration. I further indicated that [redacted] had advised me that processing action should be started in sufficient time to have these candidates processed, i.e., physical, psychological and security, up to the point of recruitment by early March. At that time, according to [redacted]

[redacted] a decision would be made as to whether additional pilots were needed and, if so, how many. If this decision is to recruit more pilots this would be done as soon as possible in order to provide the candidates' entry into F-101 school approximately 1 April.

[redacted] advised us that he expected full BI's from the Air Force OSI by 1 February.

3. General Flickinger suggested that some time might be saved if he could pre-screen these candidates in the field at one or two locations, e.g., Edwards AFB and Nellis AFB with a view toward eliminating those who

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obviously could not qualify for the program. He suggested that if he had an opportunity to review the security reports before he departed Headquarters and ~~in~~ the medical records which the candidates will be required to have with them at the time of interview, he could reduce the number considerably below 14. Following this proposed interview by General Flickinger the remaining candidates would then be scheduled into the School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio. Arrangements would be made to have the results of the SAM examination hand-carried to Washington as soon as the examinations are completed. At this point the candidates would proceed to Washington, D.C. where they would undergo psychological assessment by [redacted] and [redacted]. Upon the completion of this psychological assessment the successful candidates would be sufficiently processed to approach for recruitment. (It might be pointed out here that [redacted] fits into this processing scheme as the successor to [redacted] who is departing imminently for an overseas assignment.)

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4. During the course of our meeting Lt. Colonel Newburn placed a call to some unknown individual in the Pentagon in an effort to determine the exact starting date for the F-101 school which these candidates would attend. Lt. Colonel Newburn was advised that the classes at the F-101 school begin on 9 March, 11 May and 6 July. This means that the 1 April date is no longer valid. Since it would be virtually impossible to meet the 9 March date, we now are using the 11 May class date as a target.

*Take no action to actually bring additional pilots aboard without my approval. JCL.*

[redacted]

Acting Chief  
Support Division, OSA

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